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"I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people."

The Blessed Hope

I SAW one weary sad, and torn,
With eager steps press on the way,
Who long the hallowed cross had borne,
Still looking for the promised day;
While many a line of grief and care,
Upon his brow was furrowed there;
I asked what buoyed his spirits up,
"O this!" said he — "the blessed hope."

And one I saw, with sword and shield,
Who boldly braved the world's cold frown,
And fought, unyielding, on the field,
To win an everlasting crown.
Though worn with toil, oppressed by foes,
No murmur from his heart arose:
I asked what buoyed his spirits up,
"O this!" said he — "the blessed hope."

And there was one who left behind
The cherished friends of early years,
And honor, pleasure, wealth resigned,
To tread the path bedewed with tears.
Through trials deep and conflicts sore,
Yet still a smile of joy he wore:
I asked what buoyed his spirits up,
"O this!" said he — "the blessed hope."

While pilgrims here we journey on
In this dark vale of sin and gloom,
Through tribulation, hate, and scorn,
Or through the portals of the tomb,
Till our returning King shall come
To take His exile captives home,
O! what can buoy the spirits up?
'Tis this alone — the blessed hope.

— Annie R. Smith.



JAMES WHITE

Born Aug. 4, 1821; died Aug. 6, 1881. Engaged in the 1844 movement, and was among the first to begin the observance of the Sabbath. Publisher of the first periodical issued by Seventh-day Adventists; for many years editor of the *Review and Herald*. Leader in developing our publishing, educational, and medical work. President of the General Conference, 1865-67; 1868-71; 1874-80.



ELLEN GOULD WHITE

Born Nov. 26, 1827; died July 16, 1915. Converted in 1840, and since that time to the end was an earnest gospel worker. She with her husband labored tirelessly and successfully to build up and extend the advent message; to this end she traveled and lectured extensively in America, Europe, and Australia. Her writings, which are many, have been the means of leading thousands to the Saviour.



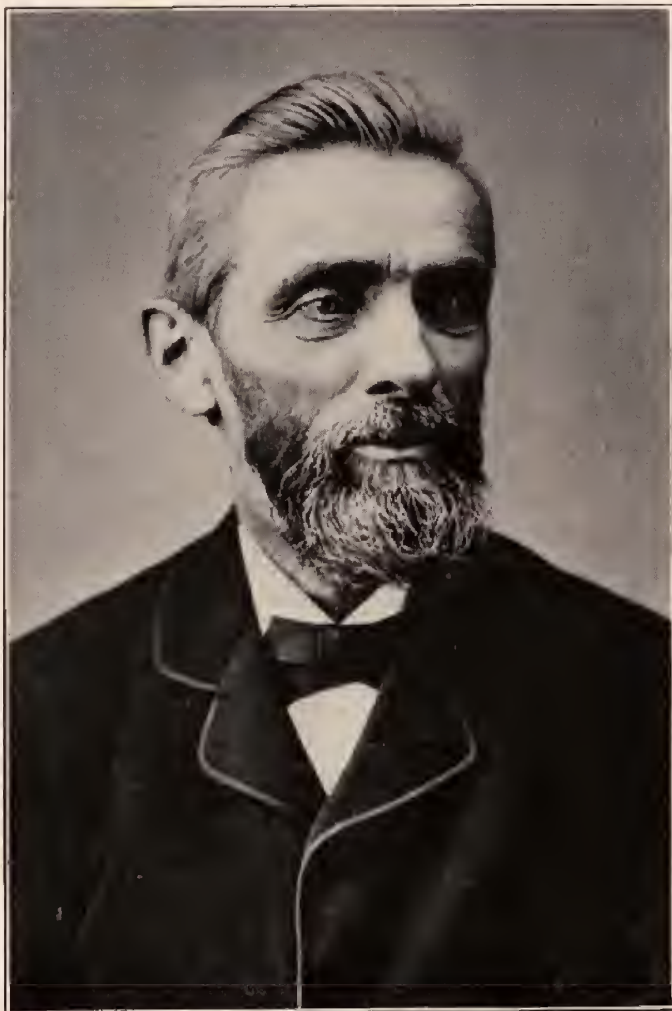
JOSEPH BATES

Born July 8, 1792; died March 19, 1872. Captain Bates organized the first temperance society in America, in 1827, and was prominent in other reforms of that period. He became a believer in the advent doctrine in 1839; began the observance of the Sabbath in 1845; and was the first to connect the Sabbath truth with the other doctrines of the advent message, thus forming the beginning of the remnant church.



JOHN NEVINS ANDREWS

Born July 22, 1829; died Oct. 21, 1883. He passed through the disappointment of 1844; began to write and preach in 1850; and was closely associated with Elder and Mrs. White in pioneer work. President of the General Conference one year, 1867-68. Our first foreign missionary, sailing for Europe Sept. 15, 1874. Author of "History of the Sabbath," still circulated extensively, and other smaller works.



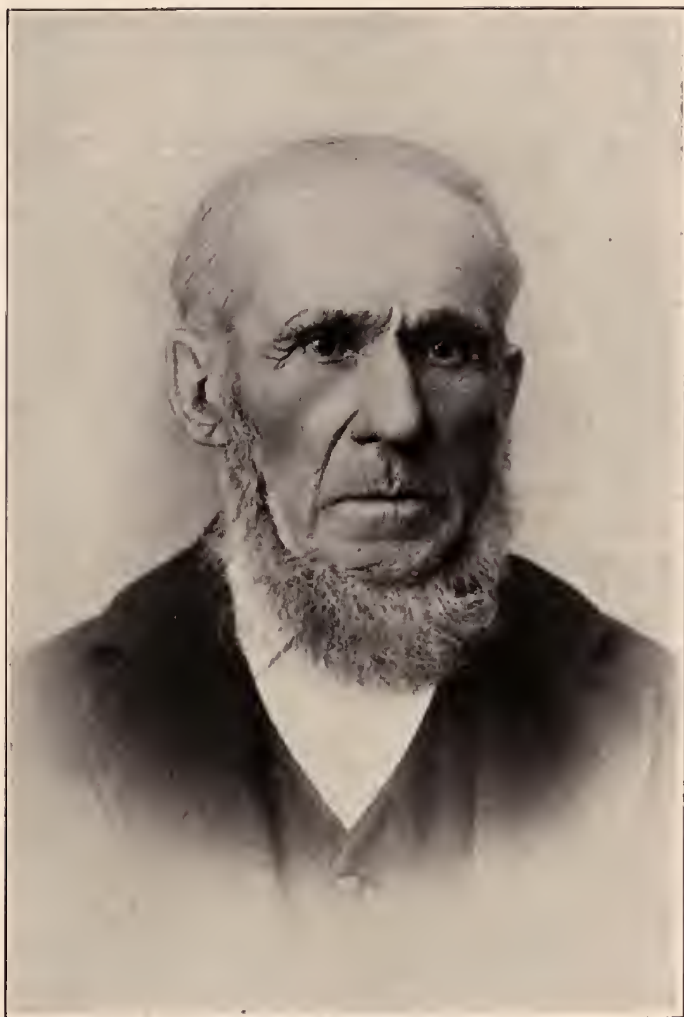
JOHN NORTON LOUGHBOROUGH

Born Jan. 26, 1832. He accepted the truth in September, 1852, through the labors of Elder J. N. Andrews, began preaching immediately, and was ordained in 1854. He began work in California in 1868; in 1878 was sent to Europe. For a time he was president of the Illinois Conference; for six years was superintendent of General Conference districts. Author of "Rise and Progress of Seventh-day Adventists," "The Great Second Advent Movement," besides many smaller works.



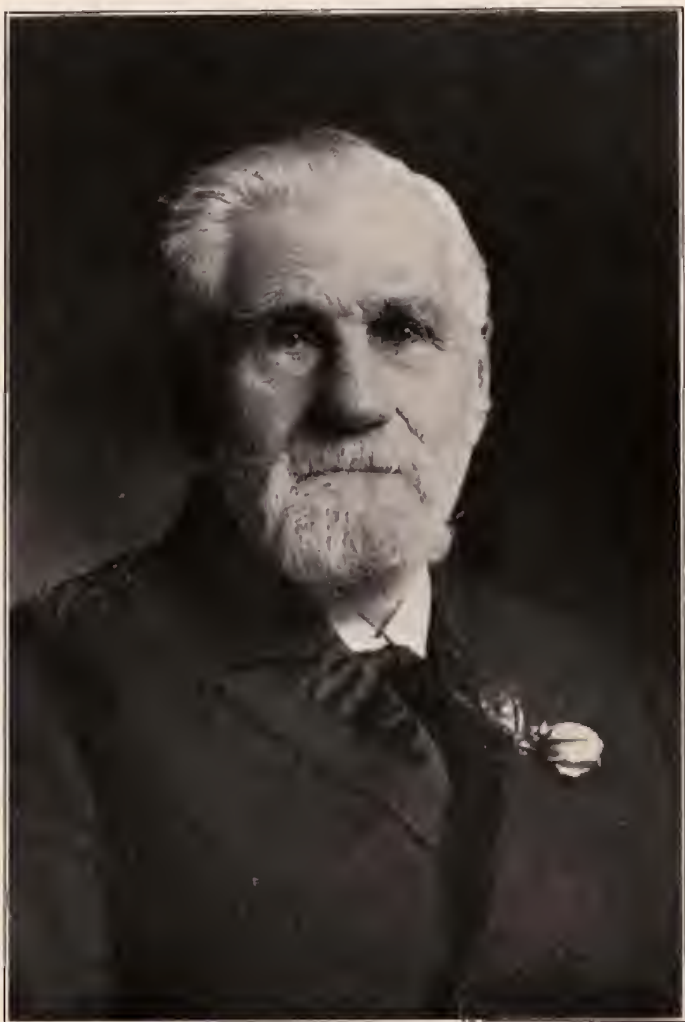
URIAH SMITH

Born May 2, 1832; died March 6, 1903. He accepted present truth in December, 1852, and was connected with our publishing work from 1853 to his death; for nearly a half century was editor or on the editorial staff of the *Review and Herald*. Secretary of the General Conference for years. First Bible instructor in Battle Creek College. Author of "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation," "The Marvel of Nations," and many other smaller books.



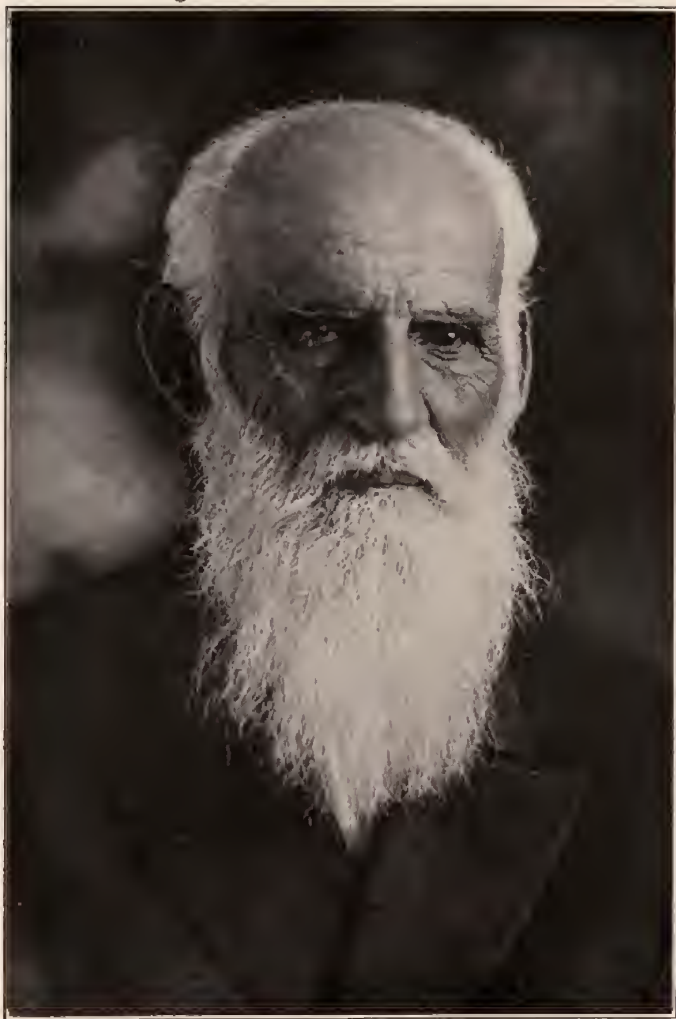
JOHN BYINGTON

Born Oct. 8, 1798; died Jan. 7, 1887. During early life he was a Methodist circuit rider, and in anti-slavery days his home was a station on the "Underground Railroad." He accepted present truth in 1852, and helped organize one of the first Seventh-day Adventist churches, in Bucksbridge, New York. He was instrumental in building several churches in the early days. First president of the General Conference, 1863-65.



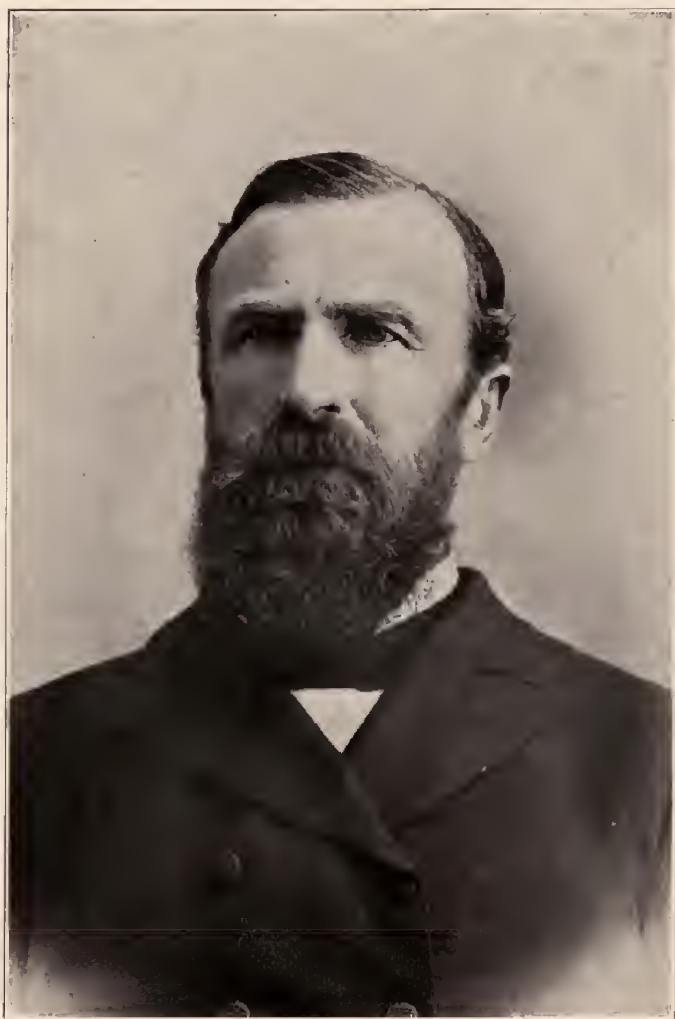
STEPHEN NELSON HASKELL

Born April 22, 1833. He accepted present truth in 1853, and raised up his first company of Sabbath keepers in 1854; was ordained in 1870; served as president of several local conferences. He organized the first church and local conference tract and missionary society. Pioneered our work in Australia and New Zealand. With the exception of one year, has been a member of the General Conference Committee since 1873.



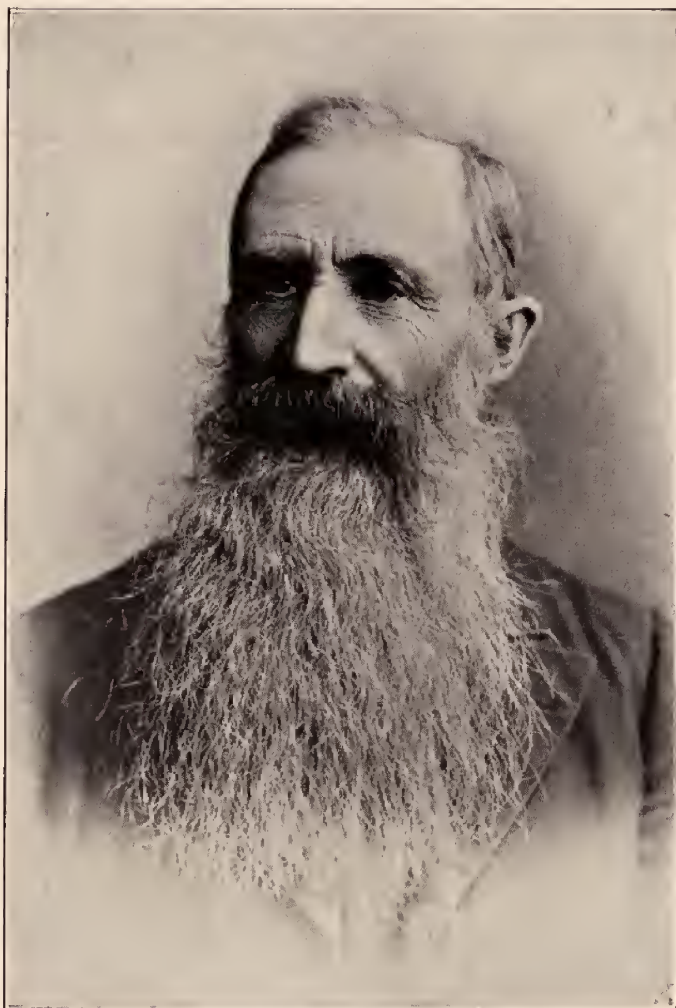
GEORGE IDE BUTLER

Born Nov. 12, 1834; died July 25, 1918. He was converted and baptized in 1856 by Elder J. N. Andrews. Elected president of the Iowa Conference in 1865, which position he held eight years. Elected president of the General Conference in 1872, in which office he served eleven years. The sale of our literature by colporteurs began and attained great success during his administration.



OLE ANDRES OLSEN

Born July 28, 1845; died Jan. 29, 1915. When nine years old, he with other relatives began the observance of the Sabbath; was baptized in 1855; licensed to preach in 1869; ordained in 1873. Elected president of Wisconsin Conference in 1874. After that time he was president of a number of local and union conferences in America and other lands. President of the General Conference 1888-97.



GOODLOE HARPER BELL

Born in April, 1832; died Jan. 16, 1899. A successful public school educator. He accepted present truth in 1867, as a result of studying while a patient in the Battle Creek Sanitarium. He opened a private school, out of which grew Battle Creek College. Author of an admirable series of graded Sabbath school lessons, and numerous textbooks of merit for the study of the English language.



GEORGE ALBERT KING

Born March 27, 1847; died Nov. 4, 1906. He accepted the truth in 1867, and began to preach, but felt called to scatter the printed pages containing the message. In 1881 he urged the General Conference to publish "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation" to be sold by subscription; was our first colporteur, and continued to sell our publications, or train others to sell, until his death.



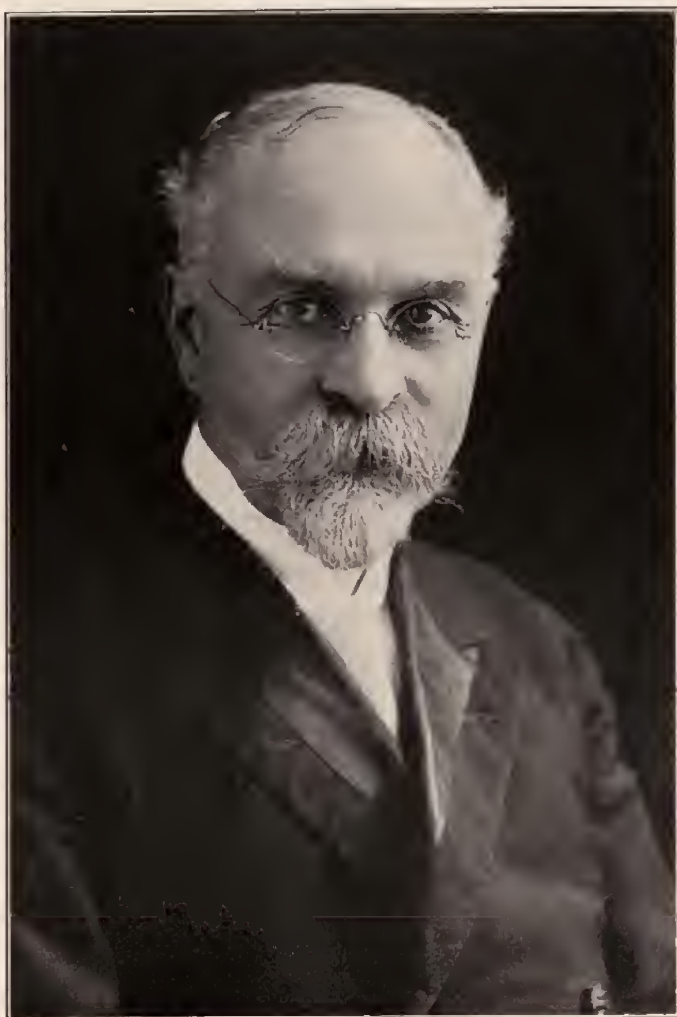
JOHN GOTTLIEB MATTESON

Born in Denmark 1835; died March 30, 1896. He embraced the advent message in 1863. In order to publish Scandinavian literature, he learned typesetting, and raised money to pay the expense. He was called the "Father of our Scandinavian literature;" pioneered our work in Scandinavia, and was a mighty instrument in the hand of God in proclaiming the truth among the Scandinavians in America and Europe.



GEORGE ALEXANDER IRWIN

Born Nov. 17, 1844; died May 23, 1913. An earnest laborer in the temperance cause. He accepted present truth in the spring of 1885; was treasurer and later president of the Ohio Conference, which position he held six years; was appointed director of the Southern field in 1895. President of the General Conference 1897-1901. At the time of his death he was president of the board of directors of the College of Medical Evangelists, Loma Linda, Calif.



ARTHUR GROSVENOR DANIELLS

Born Sept. 28, 1858. Converted at age of ten, he began ministry in 1878, and was ordained in 1882. In 1886 he went as missionary to New Zealand; was president of New Zealand Conference two years, the Australian Conference five years, the Australian Union Conference four years, and of the General Conference since 1901. All lines of conference, departmental, and foreign mission work have been greatly enlarged during his administration.



WILLIAM AMBROSE SPICER

Born Dec. 19, 1865. Attended Battle Creek College 1877-82. He was converted in 1880; ordained in 1893. Stenographer in Battle Creek Sanitarium, and to Elder S. N. Haskell, whom he accompanied to Europe. Engaged in editorial work in London 1887-91 and 1893-99, and in Calcutta, India, 1899 to 1901. Secretary of the Mission Board 1891-92 and of the Mission Board and General Conference since 1901.



WALTER TINGLEY KNOX

Born July 4, 1858. He accepted the message in 1889, chiefly through reading; began ministry in 1892; was ordained in 1893. He was elected president of the California Conference in 1895; appointed superintendent of General Conference District No. 6 (Pacific Coast) in 1898; elected president of Pacific Union Conference in 1900; elected treasurer of the General Conference in 1909.



LOUIE RICHARD CONRADI

Born March 20, 1856. He accepted the truth in Iowa through the influence of a Seventh-day Adventist family and by reading; baptized July, 1878; began public labor in 1881; ordained in 1882. He went to Europe in 1886, laboring in Switzerland, Russia, and Germany. He was imprisoned in Russia for preaching. Author of "Mystery Unfolded" and other works. A vice-president of the General Conference for Europe.



IRWIN HENRY EVANS

Born April 10, 1862. Licensed to preach in 1882; ordained in 1885. Elected president of the Michigan Conference in 1891; president of the Mission Board in 1899; treasurer of the General Conference in 1903; president of Asiatic Missions in 1909; president of the North American Division Conference in 1913; and vice-president of the General Conference in charge of the Far Eastern Division in 1918.



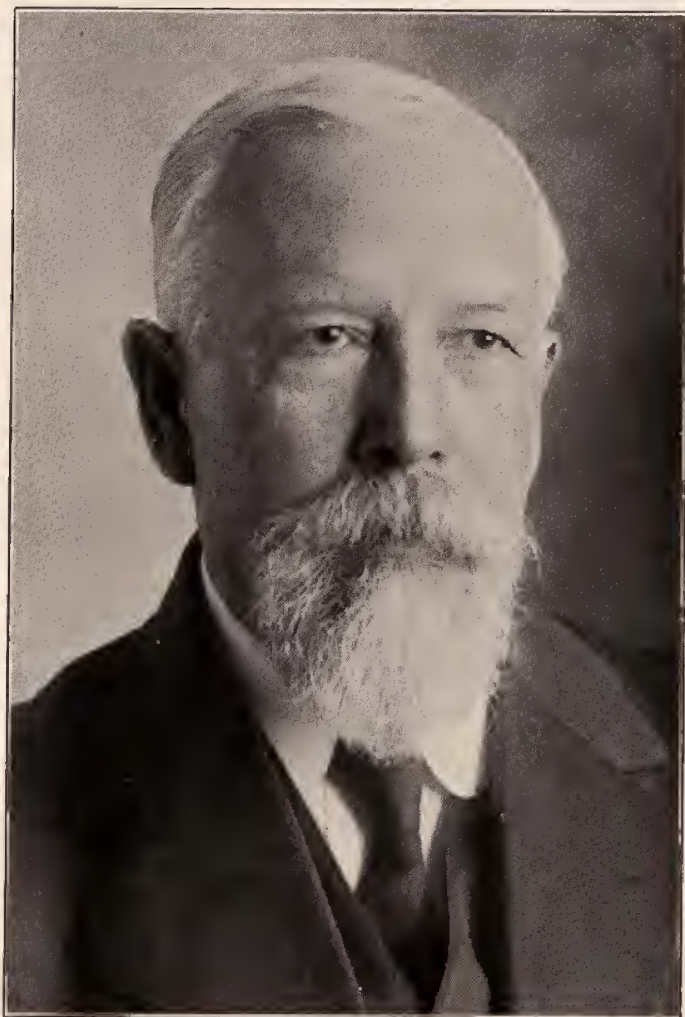
MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER

She was a public school teacher when she accepted the truth in 1886 through the efforts of Elder Daniells and other workers. Elected president of the Iowa Sabbath School Association about 1890. Chosen corresponding secretary of the General Conference Sabbath School Department in 1901. Elected secretary of the Department in 1913. Editor of the *Sabbath School Worker* since 1905.



CHARLES HARRIMAN JONES

Born Dec. 12, 1850. Baptized in 1869. He began work as pressman at the Review and Herald office in Battle Creek in 1868; worked on the first power press ever owned by the denomination. In 1879 he went to California as foreman of job press-room for the Pacific Press Publishing Association, and has been general manager of the Pacific Press since 1883. President for years of the International Sabbath School Association.



WILLIAM CLARENCE WHITE

Born Aug. 29, 1854. Engaged in early Sabbath school and publishing work. Since the death of Elder James White he has accompanied his mother, Mrs. E. G. White, in her journeys to Europe and Australia. He has been a member of the General Conference Committee since 1883; has been especially active in promoting the foreign-language publishing work, and in all phases of our educational work.

Rise and Progress of the Advent Message



UT of the great second advent awakening and revival that stirred America and Protestant Europe in the early decades of the last century, came the rise of the Seventh-day Adventist people, proclaiming the message of preparation for the second coming of Christ. This is the definite movement foretold in Revelation 14:6-12.

The "sure word of prophecy" described the rise of such a movement on earth, as the hour of God's judgment should begin in heaven. A people keeping "the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus" were to carry the special message for the judgment hour "to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people."

As the year 1844 brought the beginning of the judgment hour, the people of the prophecy appeared. Early in 1844 a group of earnest believers in the second advent saw the truth of the commandments of God, and began to keep the true Sabbath. This was in Washington, N. H., in old New England. The agitation of the Sabbath truth during the next year drew the attention of numbers of those in other States who had labored publicly in the general advent awakening. First among these to catch the light of the Sabbath truth was Capt. Joseph Bates, of Massachusetts. Later James White, J. N. Andrews, and Ellen G. Harmon (later Ellen G. White), of Maine, and yet others here and there, accepted the Sabbath.

Step by step as they studied the Scriptures the early pioneers were led on into the great system of Bible truth for which Seventh-day Adventists stand. Thus began the definite advent movement of the prophecy, with its call to Sabbath reform and its proclamation of the soon-coming Saviour.

In 1855 the denominational headquarters was established in Battle Creek, Mich. In 1861 the first local conference (that of Michigan) was organized. In 1863 the first General Conference was held at Battle Creek, twenty delegates, from six conferences, attending.

Now the work has reached all continents and the islands of the sea. More than 7,000 gospel laborers are giving their time to making this truth known. In 1921 there were 192,933 believers, of

many nations and tongues, enrolled in our churches. In addition to the ministry of the Word by the public evangelist and pastor, the activities of the movement are classified under various departments.

The Publishing Department

The progress in this department is one of the miracles of gospel work in modern times. Outside the circulation of the Bible itself, it has no parallel in the history of evangelical printing.

Our first piece of literature was a tract, "The Seventh-day Sabbath a Perpetual Sign," published by Joseph Bates in the summer of 1846.

Our first periodical, the *Present Truth*, was published by James White in July, 1849. The entire edition of that first paper was carried by him in a hand bag to the post office. A little later the name of our organ was changed to the *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*.

The first attempt to sell our literature was made in 1854, by J. N. Loughborough. A parcel of one copy each of all our publications was then priced at 35 cents.

The first subscription book, "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation," was sold by George A. King, April 3, 1882.

From these small beginnings our publications, "like rays of light" have encircled the world. Today, in 1922, our forty-five publishing houses, having 1,125 employees, are publishing in ninety-nine languages. In addition to work of members generally, this literature is distributed by 2,500 trained colporteurs. The persons engaged exclusively in our publishing work number 4,031. The retail value of the output for the year 1920 was \$5,682,972.35, and a parcel of one copy of each publication is now priced at \$877.74.

Such is a brief record of a wonderful work which is only beginning to show its possible magnitude in the closing triumph of the gospel.

The Sabbath School Work

In the summer of 1852 the first seed of this work was planted. Elder James White, traveling by carriage from Rochester, N. Y., to Bangor, Maine, was deeply impressed with the need of some regular system or plan of Bible lessons especially adapted to the youth. After dining by the roadside, and while waiting for his team to feed and rest, he prepared the first Sabbath school lessons ever written for our people, using his lunch basket for a table.

The earliest regularly organized schools of which we have any record, were held at Rochester and Bucksbridge in New York State, in 1853 and 1854. As schools multiplied, the two greatest needs—a simple form of organization and suitable lessons for the various grades—were supplied.

In 1878 teachers and pupils were urged to bring contributions of one penny or more each Sabbath. "Penny Boxes" were provided.

The surplus of the offerings, above that which was needed for expenses, began to flow to missions in 1887, when \$10,000 was given to missions. Now the gifts to missions amount to a million dollars in nine months, and the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering ranges from \$85,000 to \$110,000 given on the one day.

The 6,335 Sabbath schools in all lands are a tower of strength to the work.

Medical Missionary Work

The pioneers of the movement, Elder and Mrs. James White, Elder Joseph Bates, and others, urged by pen and voice, from the beginning, the importance of right physical living and its relation to godliness.

One of our early publications was "How to Live," by Mrs. E. G. White, in which were presented health principles that are now recognized as being in harmony with the pronouncements of modern medical science. Health magazines are issued in various lands and languages, as well as books on health and the treatment of disease.

Our first health institution was established in Battle Creek, Mich., in 1866, Dr. H. S. Lay in charge. The second was the St. Helena (California) Sanitarium. Now, thirty-three sanitariums are operated by conferences in various countries, and about an equal number are privately operated by those connected with our church.

Nurses' training schools, treatment-rooms, dispensaries, health food factories, food stores, and vegetarian cafés help to present various phases of health practice and healthful living. We have 2,500 workers in this medical branch.

The College of Medical Evangelists, at Loma Linda, Calif., the only institution of its kind in the world, offers facilities for the training of physicians for medical evangelistic work.

Educational Work

Our educational work had its beginning in 1857, when Louise M. Morton started a school for the children of the Battle Creek church, with a tuition charge of 25 cents a week per pupil. This school continued several years, with some interruption. The last teacher of this period was J. F. Byington, who taught a large school in the church building.

In 1866 G. H. Bell, a teacher of ability and experience, came to the health institution at Battle Creek, and accepted the truth. He strongly urged a denominational school. A school was started, and we regard Professor Bell as the founder of our educational system. In 1875 Battle Creek College was founded. In 1882 a second college was established in California, and others have followed in various lands.

In 1896 church schools (grades 1-8) and intermediate schools (grades 7-10) began to be established. We now have nearly 1,000

elementary schools, with a total enrolment of about 25,000, and with nearly 1,500 teachers. Approximately one hundred colleges, academies, and intermediate schools are in operation, with 15,000 students and 1,000 teachers.

These Christian schools are molding the lives of our youth, and preparing many to become efficient workers in the advent movement.

Other Departments

The Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department has 41,916 members on its rolls, in 2,030 societies in all the world.

The Home Missionary Department fosters all phases of Christian activity by the entire church membership.

The Bureau of Home Missions has a watchcare over labor for the millions of North America who must be reached in languages other than the English. It has active evangelistic work now in twenty-three languages.

The Religious Liberty Department leads out by platform work and literature in presenting the gospel principles of religious liberty and making known the dangers involved in the crusades for Sunday laws.

On to Final Triumph

No hindering cause seems to stay the progress of the message. It has hastened on through war and famine and distress of nations, bringing light and help to longing souls. The Macedonian calls ring ever in our ears as the message presses on to new fields. The last days have come, and we may confidently expect the voice of the message to swell into a mighty cry in all the earth, reaching the ears of men in every nation. Then the end will come and God's truth will triumph. The children of God will meet their Lord in the air and enter the kingdom.

"O brother, be faithful! soon Jesus will come,
For whom we have waited so long;
O, soon we shall enter our glorious home,
And join in the conqueror's song."

Homeward Bound

OUT on an ocean all boundless we ride,
We're homeward bound, homeward bound.
Tossed on the waves of a rough, restless tide,
We're homeward bound, homeward bound.
Far from the safe, quiet harbor we've rode,
Seeking our Father's celestial abode,
Promise of which on us each is bestowed,
We're homeward bound, homeward bound.

Wildly the storm sweeps us on as it roars,
We're homeward bound, homeward bound;
Look! yonder lie the bright heavenly shores,
We're homeward bound, homeward bound.
Steady, O pilot! stand firm at the wheel;
Steady, we soon shall outweather the gale;
O, how we fly 'neath the loud-creaking sail!
We're homeward bound, homeward bound.

Into the harbor of heaven now we glide,
We're home at last, home at last;
Softly we drift on its bright silver tide,
We're home at last, home at last.
Glory to God! all our dangers are o'er,
We stand secure on the glorified shore;
Glory to God! we shall shout evermore;
We're home at last, home at last.

— *Anonymous.*